

GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Forest Department - Diversion of 161.31 ha. of forest land for renewal of Gauthami Khani Opencast Project, Mining Lease (Phase-1) Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) surrender of 100 ha. of forest land to Forest Department – Permission accorded – Orders – Issued.

ENVIRONMENT, FORESTS, SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY(FOR.I) DEPARTMENT

G.O.MS.NO. 61

Dated:23.03.2010

Read the following:-

- 1.From PCCF,Lr.No.4473/2002/F1, dt.15-1-2005.
- 2.From GOI, MoEF, Lr.F.No.8-117/2002-FC, dated:31-1-2005.
- 3.From GOI, MoEF, Lr.F.No.8-117/2002-FC, dated:10-5-2005.
- 4.From PCCF,Lr.No.4473/2002/F1, dt.13-3-2008.
- 5.State Govt.Lr.No.8938/For.I(1)/2003-4, dated:27-3-2008.
- 6.From GOI, MoEF, Lr.F.No.8-117/2002-FC, dated:1-2-2010.

ORDER:

In the letter 1st read above, the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests., A.P., Hyderabad has submitted a proposal under section-2 of Forest (C) Act, 1980 Diversion of 161.31 ha. of forest land for renewal of Gauthami Khani Opencast Project, Mining Lease (Phase-1) Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and requested to forward the same to Government of India for their approval.

2. The above proposals have been sent to Government of India for their approval under section-2 of Forest(C) Act, 1980. The Government of India, have accorded in principle approval for diversion of 261.31 ha. of forest land in Ramavarm RF, of Kothagudem Division, for mining operations at GK OCP Phase-I in favour of SCCL, subject to certain conditions. The State Government have furnished a compliance report to Government of India on 18-1-2005. The Government of India, vide reference 2nd cited while according temporary working permission for the project, with two conditions for compliance. However, M/s. SCCL, user agency, have proposed for reduction of the extent of forest land from 261 ha. to 161 ha. and requested to forward to Government of India for approval.

3. The Government of India, vide their letter 6th cited, have conveyed the approval under section-2 of the Forest (Conservation)Act, 1980 for diversion of 161.31 ha. of forest land for renewal of Gauthami Khani Opencast Project Mining Lease (Phase-I) Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and for surrender of 100 ha. forest land to Forest Department, subject to fulfillment of the certain conditions:-

4. In view of the above, Government, after careful consideration, hereby ac cord permission to the Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Hyderabad for diversion of 161.31 ha. of forest land for renewal of Gauthami Chain Opencast Project, Mining Lease (Phase-1) Khammam District of Andhra Pradesh in favour of M/s. Singareni Collieries Company Limited (SCCL) and for surrender of 100 ha. of forest land to Forest Department, subject to the following conditions:-

1. Legal status of forest land shall remain unchanged.
2. 100.00 ha. of forest land proposed to be surrendered to the State Forest Department shall be done immediately with a compliance to the Central Government however, it should be maintained by the user Agency at their cost under the guidance of the Forest Department.
3. a. All conditions mentioned in the earlier in principle approval shall be complied.

- b. the non-forest land identified for raising Compensatory Afforestation shall be notified by the State Government as RF under Section-4 or PF under Section-29 of the Indian Forest Act, 1927 or under the relevant Section(s) of the local Forest Act, as the case may be, within a period of six months. The Nodal Officer (Forest Conservation) shall report compliance in this regard.
4. Additional amount of the NPV of the diverted additional forest land, if any, becoming due after finalization of the same by the Hon'ble Supreme Court of India on receipt of the report from the Expert Committee, shall be charged by the State Government from the User Agency. The User Agency shall furnish an undertaking to this effect.
 5. The forest land shall not be used for any purpose other than that specified in the proposal.
 6. The approval under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 is subject to the clearance under the Environmental Protection Act, 1986.
 7. The User agency will make arrangement for free supply of coal to labourers and staff working on the project site so as to avoid any pressure on the adjacent forest area.
 8. The period of permission for lease under the Forest (Conservation) Act, 1980 will be for 20 years subject to possession of valid lease by User Agency under the MMDR Act, 1957.
 9. Demarcation of mining lease area will be done on the ground at project cost using four feet high reinforced cement concrete pillars with serial numbers, forward and back bearings and distance from pillar to pillar.
 10. Mining/reclamation schedule shall be implemented by the user agency at their cost as per Environmental Management Plan / phased programme.
 11. The User Agency shall also take up the de-silting of the village tanks within five km areas from the mine lease boundary so as to mitigate the impact of siltation of such tanks whenever required.
 12. Any other condition that the State Govt. or the Chief Conservator of Forests(Central), Regional Office, Bangalore may impose from time to time in the interest of conservation, protection or development of forests.
 13. All other conditions under different rules, regulations and guidelines including environmental clearance and forest right of tribals and other forest dweller shall be complied with.
4. The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, A.P., Hyderabad is directed to take necessary action accordingly in the matter.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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To

The Principal Chief Conservator of Forests, Andhra Pradesh, Hyderabad.

Copy to:-

The Inspector General of Forests GOI, MoEF, Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Chief Conservator of Forests(Central) Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Paryavaran Bhavan, New Delhi.

The Chief Conservator of Forests(Central) Government of India, Ministry of Environment & Forests, Bangalore.

The Singareni Collieries Company Limited, Hyderabad.

//FORWARDED::BY ORDER//

SECTION OFFICER